

**Documentation for Exceptional Event Excluded Data
New Year's Fireworks on January 1, 2010
Exceedance and Excluded 24-Hour PM_{2.5} Data**

I. Exceedances, Excluded Data and Exceptional Event Flag

Exceedances and excluded data at the Honolulu Air Monitoring Station AIRS ID 150031001; Pearl City Air Monitoring Station AIRS ID 150032004; and Sand Island Air Monitoring Station AIRS ID 150031004

On January 1, 2010, the 24-hour PM_{2.5} averages at the Honolulu, Pearl City and Sand Island air monitoring stations were 69 µg/m³, 45 µg/m³ and 36 µg/m³, respectively. All three values exceeded the 35 µg/m³ 24-hour PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).

The data has been flagged using the event type, "Infrequent Large Gatherings," as described in EPA document 450/4-66-007, "Guideline on the Identification and Use of Air Quality Data Affected by Exceptional Events."

The data is excluded due to the influence of fireworks resulting in higher than normal 24-hour averages. The 24-hour averages preceding and following the event were as follows:

Date	24-Hour PM _{2.5} Average (µg/m ³)		
	Honolulu	Pearl City	Sand Island
12/29/09	16	11	11
12/30/09	13	4	5
12/31/09	21	23	9
1/1/10	69	45	36
1/2/10	12	6	8
1/3/10	16	10	13

II. Event

The State of Hawaii allows the private and public use of fireworks in celebrating the New Year from 9:00 p.m. on December 31 to 1:00 a.m. on January 1. This is a long standing cultural tradition that is embraced by the people of Hawaii. Although there are some public exhibitions of large fireworks displays, it is the use of common fireworks by the residential community that cause most of the associated particle pollution. The resulting emissions from fireworks are also compounded by the seasonal increase in weather systems that typically produce light and variable winds.

Attachment 1 is a graphical presentation of the 1-hour PM_{2.5} averages during the 2010 New Year's fireworks event. Although there is no 1-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS, the graph

clearly shows the relationship between the use of fireworks in the peak hours of 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. on New Year's and the resulting increase in PM_{2.5} values.

Attachment 2 is a graphical presentation of the 2008 Summary of 24-hour PM_{2.5} averages at the Honolulu, Pearl City and Sand Island stations and shows that the average during the fireworks event is higher than the normal fluctuating range of values.

Attachment 3 includes supporting meteorological data collected at the air stations as well as rainfall and wind data from selected areas around the island provided by the National Weather Service and other weather service websites.

Attachment 4 includes various media articles about the weather conditions and the 2010 New Year's celebration.

III. Justification for "Exceptional Event"

- In graphical presentations, *Attachments 1 and 2* clearly show the causal relationship between the high PM_{2.5} values and the 2010 New Year's fireworks celebration. The annual range of values other than during that period is well below the federal standard. *Attachment 1* shows the rapid increase and subsequent decrease of hourly PM_{2.5} values during the peak celebratory hours of 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.
- The data during this event is flagged because it is not reflective of the normal range of values. Except during the New Year's fireworks event, the maximum 24-hour PM_{2.5} values are generally between 20 to 25 percent of the federal standard.
- During the winter months, frontal systems are more frequent which often causes the winds to become light and variable. Without the normal trade-winds (winds from the northeasterly direction) to clear the air, smoke from fireworks tends to linger until the celebration ends. *Attachment 3* contains documentation showing the wind and rainfall conditions that occurred in selected areas on December 31, 2009, and January 1, 2010. The data show on those days winds were light and variable with little or no rain. This is supported by wind data collected at the air stations showing light and variable conditions during the height of the fireworks.
- *Attachment 4* includes various media articles about the 2010 New Year's event. The articles illustrate the popularity of common fireworks in celebrating the New Year as well as a description of the light winds which allowed the smoke to accumulate without dispersion. In addition, there are many videos on websites such as Youtube that depict the popularity in Hawaii of welcoming in the New Year with fireworks.

IV. Public Notice

Included in *Attachment 5* is the affidavit of publication in a major Honolulu newspaper notifying the public of the availability for inspection of this document:

Honolulu Star-Bulletin Public Notice: Affidavit of Publication
(State-wide distribution)

Attachments

Attachment 1: 1-Hour PM_{2.5} Data for December 31, 2009 and January 1, 2010

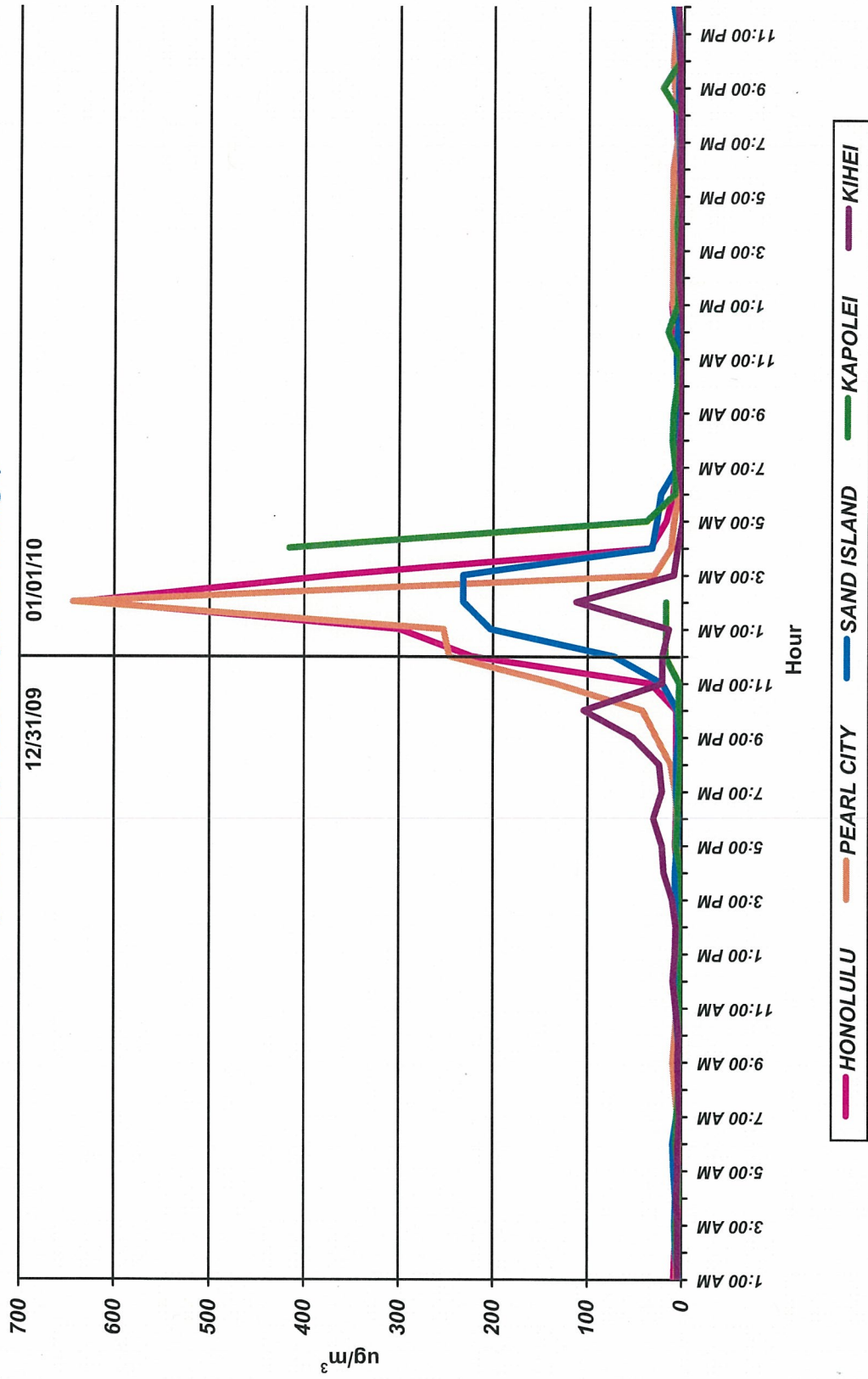
Attachment 2: 2008 Summary of 24-Hour PM_{2.5}

Attachment 3: Supporting Weather Data

Attachment 4: News Media Articles Pertaining to the New Year's Fireworks Celebration

Attachment 5: Affidavit of Publication

1-Hour PM_{2.5} (ug/m³) Data for December 31, 2009 and January 1, 2010
(Preliminary Data Subject to Change)



There is no state or federal 1-hour standard for PM_{2.5}.
 The federal standard for PM_{2.5} is 35 ug/m³ averaged over 24 hours.

Table 4-3. 2008 Summary of 24-Hour PM_{2.5} : SLAMS Stations

Annual Statistics																		
Maximum		Annual Mean		98 th Percentile 24-hour Occurrences Greater than 35 µg/m ³														Percent Recovery
1 st High	98 th %	All Hours	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Possible Periods	Valid Periods		
OAHU																		
	34 ¹	13	4.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	122	119	98
	35 ¹	21	4.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	122	117	96
	26	13	4.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	122	118	97
	14	13	5.7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	60	98
MAUI																		
	16	15	5.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	58	95
¹ Occurred on a very bad vog day ² Kihei is a 1 in 6 day sampling site and although continuous data was collected in December, only creditable samples are counted towards completeness determination																		

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Table 4-4. Attainment of the 24-Hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS: SLAMS Stations

Station	2006 98 th value	2007 98 th value	2008 98 th value	3-Year Average	Sites in violation of the NAAQS
Honolulu	10	8	13	10	0
Kapolei	7	8	21	12	0
Pearl City	9	7	13	10	0
Sand Island	10	10	13	11	0
Kihei	10	10	15	12	0

Attainment: The 3-year average of the 98th percentile values must be less than or equal to 35 µg/m³.
In 2008, Hawaii was in attainment with the 24-hour PM_{2.5} NAAQS.

Table 4-5. Attainment of the Annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS: SLAMS Stations

Station	2006 Ann. Ave	2007 Ann. Ave	2008 Ann. Ave	3-Year Average	Sites in violation of the NAAQS
Honolulu	3.5 ¹	3.9	4.7	4.0	0
Kapolei	3.8	3.5	4.9	4.1	0
Pearl City	3.9	3.7	4.5	4.0	0
Sand Island	4.9 ¹	5.0	5.7	5.2	0
Kihei	4.6	5.0	5.5	5.0	0

Attainment: The 3-year average of annual mean values must be less than 15 µg/m³.
In 2008, Hawaii was in attainment with the annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS.

¹ Does not satisfy summary criteria, <75% data recovery in one or more quarters

Attachment 3

- 3-1 National Weather Service Forecast for Honolulu Airport - December 31, 2009 through January 1, 2010
- 3-2 National Weather Service Forecast for Waipio, Hawaii (Central Oahu) - December 31, 2009 through January 1, 2010
- 3-3 National Weather Service Hawaii Rainfall Summary for December 31, 2009 through January 1, 2010
- 3-4 Honolulu Station Daily Site Summary for December 31, 2009
- 3-5 Honolulu Station Daily Site Summary for January 1, 2010
- 3-6 Sand Island Station Daily Site Summary for December 31, 2009
- 3-7 Sand Island Station Daily Site Summary for January 1, 2010
- 3-8 Pearl City Station Met Data for December 31, 2009 and January 1, 2010
- 3-9 Weather station history from *Weather Underground* at www.wunderground.com Honolulu, Hawaii on December 31, 2009
- 3-10 Weather station history from *Weather Underground* at www.wunderground.com Honolulu, Hawaii on January 1, 2010

NWS Forecast for: Honolulu HI

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Issued by: National Weather Service Honolulu, HI

Last Update: 11:25 am HST Dec 28, 2009



Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	New Year's Day	Friday Night
Mostly Clear	Slight Chc Showers	Chance Showers	Chance Showers	Slight Chc Showers	Slight Chc Showers	Haze	Sunny	Isolated Showers
Lo 68 °F	Hi 80 °F	Lo 68 °F	Hi 79 °F	Lo 66 °F	Hi 79 °F	Lo 67 °F	Hi 79 °F	Lo 68 °F

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 68. Southeast wind 5 to 7 mph becoming northeast.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 80. South wind between 8 and 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 11 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly before noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 79. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. West wind 5 to 7 mph becoming northeast.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 79. South wind around 7 mph.

Thursday Night: Widespread haze. Mostly clear, with a low around 67. West wind around 8 mph becoming northeast.

New Year's Day: Sunny, with a high near 79. Southeast wind 10 to 13 mph becoming southwest.

Friday Night: Isolated showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. East wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Saturday: Isolated showers. Widespread haze after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 80. South wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Saturday Night: Isolated showers. Widespread haze. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. West wind around 8 mph becoming northeast. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Sunday: Isolated showers. Widespread haze. Partly cloudy, with a high near 79. South wind around 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Sunday Night: Scattered showers. Widespread haze. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 10 and 13 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Monday: Scattered showers. Widespread haze. Partly cloudy, with a high near 79. South wind around 17 mph, with gusts as high as 22 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Point Forecast: Honolulu HI
21.31°N 157.87°W (Elev. 16 ft)

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NWS Forecast for: Waipio HI

ATTACHMENT 3-2

Issued by: National Weather Service Honolulu, HI

Last Update: 11:24 am HST Dec 28, 2009



Tonight	Tuesday	Tuesday Night	Wednesday	Wednesday Night	Thursday	Thursday Night	New Year's Day	Friday Night
								
Mostly Clear Lo 65 °F	20% Slight Chc Showers Hi 82 °F	30% Chance Showers Lo 65 °F	30% Chance Showers Hi 81 °F	20% Slight Chc Showers Lo 63 °F	20% Slight Chc Showers Hi 80 °F	Haze Lo 62 °F	Sunny Hi 80 °F	Mostly Clear Lo 63 °F

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 65. West wind 5 to 7 mph becoming north.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 82. Southwest wind between 8 and 11 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. South wind between 11 and 14 mph.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly before noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 81. South wind around 10 mph. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. West wind 6 to 8 mph becoming north.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 80. South wind around 7 mph.

Thursday Night: Widespread haze. Mostly clear, with a low around 62. Southwest wind around 8 mph becoming north.

New Year's Day: Sunny, with a high near 80. South wind between 9 and 11 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63. Southwest wind around 11 mph becoming north.

Saturday: Isolated showers. Widespread haze after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 81. South wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Saturday Night: Isolated showers. Widespread haze. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. West wind around 8 mph becoming north. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Sunday: Isolated showers. Widespread haze. Partly cloudy, with a high near 80. Southwest wind around 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Sunday Night: Isolated showers. Widespread haze. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. South wind between 9 and 14 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Monday: Isolated showers. Widespread haze. Partly cloudy, with a high near 80. South wind around 17 mph, with gusts as high as 22 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Point Forecast: Waipio HI
21.4°N 157.99°W (Elev. 89 ft)

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RRAHFO

HAWAII RAINFALL SUMMARY

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE HONOLULU HI

845 AM HST FRI JAN 01 2010

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 .B HFO 0101 H DH08 /DRH-03/PPT/DRH-06/PPQ/DRH-12/PPK/DRH-24/PPD

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 :AUTOMATED RAIN GAGE REPORTS FROM AROUND THE STATE OF HAWAII.
 :THESE ARE PROVISIONAL REPORTS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN QUALITY
 :CONTROLLED.

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 :T=TRACE RAINFALL, M=MISSING DATA

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 :PRECIPITATION TOTALS ENDING 8 AM HST

:ISLAND OF KAUAI		INCHES			
:ID	LOCATION	3-HR	6-HR	12-HR	24-HR
: WINDWARD/MAUKA SITES					
MKAH1	: MAKAHA RIDGE	: 0.01 /	0.01 /	0.02 /	0.44
PLRH1	: PUU LUA	: 0.01 /	0.01 /	0.04 /	0.91
KOKH1	: KOKEE (HI46)	: 0.01 /	0.01 /	0.18 /	0.76
MCRH1	: MOHIHI CROSSING (USGS)	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.10 /	0.83
WNHH1	: WAINIHA (HI41)	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.00
HNIH1	: HANAIEI (HI45)	: M /	M /	M /	M
HLEH1	: HANAIEI RIVER (USGS)	: 0.00 /	0.02 /	0.22 /	0.34
WLLH1	: MOUNT WAIKALEALE (USGS)	: 0.00 /	0.01 /	0.01 /	0.72
PRIH1	: PRINCEVILLE AIRPORT	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.04 /	0.07
MLDH1	: MOLOAA DAIRY	: M /	M /	M /	M
ANHH1	: ANAHOLA (HI48)	: 0.00 /	0.01 /	0.02 /	0.02
KPIH1	: KAPAHU (HI50)	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.04 /	0.05
OLBH1	: OPAEKAA STREAM (USGS)	: 0.01 /	0.01 /	0.01 /	0.05
WUHH1	: WAILUA (HI40)	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.01
LIHH1	: LIHUE VAR. STN. (HI47)	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.08
HLI	: LIHUE AIRPORT	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.04
: LEEWARD SITES					
POIH1	: POIPU	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.01 /	0.76
OMAH1	: OMAO (HI51)	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.67
KHEH1	: KALAHEO (HI43)	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.49
PAKH1	: PORT ALLEN	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.37
HNP1	: HANAPEPE (HI49)	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.45
POPH1	: PUU OPAE	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.02 /	1.11
WHGH1	: WAIMEA HEIGHTS	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.37
MNRH1	: MANA	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.87

:ISLAND OF OAHU		INCHES			
:ID	LOCATION	3-HR	6-HR	12-HR	24-HR
: WINDWARD/MAUKA SITES					
KAHH1	: KAHUKU (HI09)	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.20 /	0.22
KTAH1	: KAHUKU TRAINING AREA	: 0.01 /	0.01 /	0.06 /	0.16
KFWH1	: KII	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.05 /	0.18
PUNH1	: PUNALUU PUMP (HI03)	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.08 /	0.08
PNSH1	: PUNALUU STREAM (USGS)	: 0.00 /	0.01 /	0.15 /	0.17
HAKH1	: HAKIPUU MAUKA (HI10)	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.13
WPPH1	: WAIHEE PUMP (HI30)	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.08 /	0.10
OFRH1	: OAHU FOREST NWR (USFWS)	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.13 /	0.19
AHUH1	: AHUIMANU LOOP (HI16)	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.15 /	0.24
HNG	: KANEOHE MCBH	: 0.00 /	T /	0.09 /	0.11
LULH1	: LULUKU (HI15)	: 0.00 /	0.01 /	0.14 /	0.33
WITH1	: WILSON TUNNEL (HI27)	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.20 /	0.42
NUUH1	: NUUANU UPPER (HI20)	: 0.01 /	0.01 /	0.09 /	0.15
MNLH1	: MANOA LYON ARBORETUM (HI18)	: 0.00 /	0.00 /	0.12 /	0.13

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STVH1 : ST. STEPHENS (HI23)	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.03 /	0.03
MAUH1 : MAUNAWILI (HI22)	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.21 /	0.23
OFSH1 : OLOMANA FIRE STATION (HI24)	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.14 /	0.15
WMLH1 : WAIMANALO (HI13)	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.05 /	0.11
BELH1 : BELLOWS AFS	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.20 /	0.20
KMHH1 : KAMEHAME (HI28)	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.14 /	0.14
HAJH1 : HAWAII KAI GOLF CRSE (HI21)	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.11 /	0.15
: LEEWARD/CENTRAL SITES					
NIUH1 : NIU VALLEY (HI06)	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.11 /	0.11
PFSH1 : PALOLO FIRE STATION (HI25)	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.06 /	0.08
HSDH1 : H-1 KAPIOLANI (USGS)	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.08 /	0.11
ALOH1 : ALOHA TOWER (HI26)	:	M /	M /	M /	M
HNL : HONOLULU AIRPORT	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.01 /	0.01
MOAH1 : MOANALUA (HI19)	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.12 /	0.12
NHSH1 : NORTH HALAWA STREAM (USGS)	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.00
PACH1 : PALISADES (HI11)	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.09 /	0.13
WAWH1 : WAIAWA C.F. (HI29)	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.08 /	0.11
MITH1 : MILILANI (HI14)	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.10 /	0.12
KSFH1 : SOUTH FORK KAUKONAHUA (USGS)	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.14 /	0.21
SCBH1 : SCHOFIELD BARRACKS	:	0.00 /	0.01 /	0.04 /	0.28
SCSH1 : SCHOFIELD SOUTH	:	0.00 /	0.01 /	0.20 /	0.39
WAFH1 : WHEELER AIRFIELD (HI02)	:	0.00 /	0.01 /	0.10 /	0.15
POAH1 : POAMOHU (HI07)	:	0.01 /	0.01 /	0.16 /	0.19
KWLH1 : KAWAIILOA	:	M /	M /	M /	M
DLGH1 : DILLINGHAM	:	0.01 /	0.01 /	0.26 /	0.26
PECH1 : WAIPIO (HI08)	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.04 /	0.06
KUNH1 : KUNIA SUBSTATION (HI12)	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.02 /	0.03
WWFH1 : WAIAWA	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.02 /	0.10
HOFH1 : HONOULIULI	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.02 /	0.07
HJR : KALAELOA AIRPORT	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.00
PLHH1 : PALEHUA	:	0.00 /	0.01 /	0.31 /	0.45
LUAH1 : LUALUALEI (HI05)	:	0.01 /	0.01 /	0.18 /	0.22
WNVH1 : WAIANAE VALLEY	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.28 /	0.29
WBHH1 : WAIANAE BOAT HARBOR	:	0.00 /	0.01 /	0.18 /	0.19
WAIH1 : WAIANAE (HI17)	:	M /	0.00 /	0.20 /	0.21
MKHH1 : MAKAHA STREAM (USGS)	:	0.00 /	0.01 /	0.45 /	0.62
MKRH1 : MAKUA RANGE	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.22 /	0.23
MKGH1 : MAKUA RIDGE	:	M /	M /	M /	M
:					
: ISLAND OF MOLOKAI		INCHES			
: ID	LOCATION	3-HR	6-HR	12-HR	24-HR
KMLH1 : KAMALO (HI73)	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.05 /	0.05
MKPH1 : MAKAPULAPAI	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.11 /	0.11
MLKH1 : MOLOKAI 1	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.20 /	0.20
KACH1 : KAUNAKAKAI MAUKA (HI71)	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.07 /	0.07
HMK : MOLOKAI AIRPORT	:	0.00 /	0.03 /	0.07 /	0.07
:					
: ISLAND OF LANAI		INCHES			
: ID	LOCATION	3-HR	6-HR	12-HR	24-HR
LANH1 : LANAI CITY (HI72)	:	M /	M /	M /	M
LNH1 : LANAI 1	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.07 /	0.07
:					
: ISLAND OF KAHOO LAWE		INCHES			
: ID	LOCATION	3-HR	6-HR	12-HR	24-HR
KRTH1 : KAHOO LAWE ARC	:	0.01 /	0.01 /	0.01 /	0.01
HKAH1 : HONOKANAIA	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.00
:					
: ISLAND OF MAUI		INCHES			
: ID	LOCATION	3-HR	6-HR	12-HR	24-HR
: WINDWARD SITES					
OHGH1 : OHEO GULCH (USGS)	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.00
HNAH1 : HANA AIRPORT (HI61)	:	M /	M /	M /	M
WWKH1 : WEST WAILUA IKI (USGS)	:	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.00 /	0.00

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Daily Site Summary Report (DH1)

Honolulu Site 1							
Thursday 31 December 2009 Julian Date 365 (Local Time) Clock Hours							
Param	CO	PM10	PM2.5	SO2	TEMPi	WD	WS
Units	PPM	ug/m3	ug/m3	PPB	degC	DEG	MPH
FS	50.0	995	985	500	50.0	360	100.0
Zero	0.0	-5	-15	0	0.0	0	0.0
Chan	01	08	09	02	03	07	06
0000	0.3	6	7	1	25.2	199	0.3
0100	0.3	7	8	1	25.0	133	0.2
0200	0.4	5	7	1	25.2	175	0.2
0300	0.3	4	4	1	25.5	211	0.1
0400	0.4	7	3	1	25.3	173	0.5
0500	0.5	8	2	1	25.5	225	0.6
0600	0.6	16	1	1	25.3	203	0.5
0700	0.5	9	5	1	25.3	216	2.5
0800	0.5	12	4	1	25.1	221	4.0
0900	0.4	12	3	1	24.9	226	5.7
1000	0.5	18	4	1	24.8	225	3.2
1100	0.3	4	3	1	24.2	224	5.7
1200	0.3	7	3	1	24.1	222	6.7
1300	0.3	12	3	1	23.9	228	4.6
1400	0.3	17	4	1	23.9	238	4.8
1500	0.3	10	3	1	24.0	235	4.5
1600	0.3	12	5	1	24.4	244	4.4
1700	0.3	22	7	1	24.7	242	4.6
1800	0.3	21	7	1	24.8	238	3.2
1900	0.3	20	6	1	24.8	243	2.0
2000	0.3	22	6	1	25.3	229	1.8
2100	0.3	15	7	1	25.1	195	2.9
2200	0.4	31	6	1	25.4	73	1.5
2300	0.4	203	33	1	25.6	105	1.3
Min Hr	0.3	4	1	1	23.9	73	0.1
Max Hr	0.6	203	33	1	25.6	244	6.7
24hr Av	0.4	21	6	1	24.9	205	2.7

Flags:
None

Daily Site Summary Report (DH1)

Honolulu Site 1							
Friday 01 January 2010 Julian Date 1 (Local Time) Clock Hours							
Param	CO	PM10	PM2.5	SO2	TEMPi	WD	WS
Units	PPM	ug/m3	ug/m3	PPB	degC	DEG	MPH
FS	50.0	995	985	500	50.0	360	100.0
Zero	0.0	-5	-15	0	0.0	0	0.0
Chan	01	08	09	02	03	07	06
0000	0.4	298	224	1	25.3	151	1.2
0100	0.5	559	301	1	25.7	126	1.2
0200	0.4	483	633	1	25.6	115	0.6
0300	0.4	44	367	1	25.9	83	0.8
0400	0.5	26	34	1	25.6	127	0.6
0500	0.3	22	17	1	26.0	93	0.4
0600	0.4	14	10	1	25.8	134	0.4
0700	0.4	12	7	1	26.0	264	0.4
0800	0.4	8	5	1	25.4	144	1.4
0900	0.3	16	5	1	24.9	66	3.4
1000	0.3	9	5	1	24.5	157	2.2
1100	0.3	20	7	1	24.1	223	3.7
1200	0.3	19	9	1	24.2	223	4.4
1300	0.3	14	12	1	24.2	218	5.2
1400	0.3	15	9	1	24.2	214	4.0
1500	0.3	26	6	1	24.0	248	2.6
1600	0.3	19	10	1	24.4	240	2.2
1700	0.3	21	9	1	24.8	243	1.8
1800	0.3	17	7	1	25.3	96	2.6
1900	0.3	20	7	1	25.3	68	3.8
2000	0.3	14	8	1	25.1	75	3.0
2100	0.3	16	10	1	25.6	88	3.2
2200	0.3	19	7	1	25.3	141	1.1
2300	0.3	18	5	1	25.4	246	0.6
Min Hr	0.3	8	5	1	24.0	66	0.4
Max Hr	0.5	559	633	1	26.0	264	5.2
24hr Av	0.3	72	71	1	25.1	158	2.1

Flags:
None

Daily Site Summary Report (SI2)

Sand Island Site 2					
Thursday 31 December 2009 Julian Date 365 (Local Time) Clock Hours					
Param	O3	PM2.5	TEMPi	WD	WS
Units	PPB	ug/m3	degC	DEG	MPH
FS	1000	985	50.0	360	100.0
Zero	0	-15	0.0	0	0.0
Chan	01	08	03	05	06
0000	11C	3	23.9	2	1.6
0100	5C	6	24.0	353	1.8
0200	5	8	23.7	38	1.4
0300	2	6	23.5	2	0.6
0400	3	8	23.3	67	0.6
0500	8	10	23.2	116	0.9
0600	15	5	23.2	174	1.2
0700	23	3	23.4	182	2.1
0800	26	2	23.8	187	2.7
0900	27	5	25.2	200	5.0
1000	28	7	25.8	217	3.8
1100	27	4	26.5	208	4.7
1200	27	2	27.1	210	4.7
1300	27	4	27.6	225	5.3
1400	27	7	27.6	239	5.5
1500	26	8	27.3	239	6.4
1600	25	5	26.6	242	7.0
1700	24	5	25.9	243	7.2
1800	23	6	25.2	246	6.2
1900	23	6	24.9	253	5.3
2000	23	4	24.6	253	5.8
2100	18	5	24.4	306	5.8
2200	6	21	23.9	324	1.8
2300	3	73	23.7	348	2.4
Min Hr	2	2	23.2	2	0.6
Max Hr	28	73	27.6	353	7.2
24hr Av	18	9	24.9	203	3.7

Flags:

C = Calibration - Valid Hour

Daily Site Summary Report (SI2)

Sand Island Site 2					
Friday 01 January 2010 Julian Date 1 (Local Time) Clock Hours					
Param	O3	PM2.5	TEMPi	WD	WS
Units	PPB	ug/m3	degC	DEG	MPH
FS	1000	985	50.0	360	100.0
Zero	0	-15	0.0	0	0.0
Chan	01	08	03	05	06
0000	12C	204	23.5	323	2.1
0100	3C	232	23.5	332	2.3
0200	12	232	23.1	329	2.1
0300	10	32	22.8	313	1.5
0400	9	27	22.7	348	1.7
0500	16	23	22.6	341	2.2
0600	13	7	22.5	358	2.7
0700	11	8	22.5	354	2.7
0800	20	9	22.6	21	1.8
0900	34	7	23.2	26	4.0
1000	34	8	24.2	28	3.7
1100	38	7	25.0	197	3.8
1200	42	5	25.8	200	4.1
1300	41	6	26.1	196	4.2
1400	41	7	26.5	185	3.5
1500	41	6	26.4	214	3.2
1600	40	4	26.2	209	2.7
1700	38	4	25.6	182	1.8
1800	32	5	24.9	17	3.6
1900	32	6	24.3	32	3.8
2000	33	6	23.8	42	4.4
2100	33	5	23.5	41	4.2
2200	28	7	23.1	12	2.8
2300	25	12	22.9	342	2.2
Min Hr	3	4	22.5	12	1.5
Max Hr	42	232	26.5	358	4.4
24hr Av	27	36	24.1	193	3.0

Flags:

C = Calibration - Valid Hour

ATTACHMENT 3-8

Pearl City Air Station
Wind Data for December 31, 2009 - January 1, 2010

Date and Time	Wind Direction Degrees	Wind Speed Average - MPH
12/31/2009 0:00	346	1.4
12/31/2009 1:00	358	1.4
12/31/2009 2:00	359	1.6
12/31/2009 3:00	22	0.8
12/31/2009 4:00	13	0.0
12/31/2009 5:00	40	0.5
12/31/2009 6:00	344	0.9
12/31/2009 7:00	342	1.2
12/31/2009 8:00	40	0.3
12/31/2009 9:00	201	1.0
12/31/2009 10:00	221	3.1
12/31/2009 11:00	232	5.8
12/31/2009 12:00	210	5.8
12/31/2009 13:00	212	7.1
12/31/2009 14:00	217	7.4
12/31/2009 15:00	230	6.4
12/31/2009 16:00	236	6.4
12/31/2009 17:00	247	6.6
12/31/2009 18:00	265	4.1
12/31/2009 19:00	200	3.4
12/31/2009 20:00	168	2.8
12/31/2009 21:00	205	3.4
12/31/2009 22:00	5	4.4
12/31/2009 23:00	5	1.4
1/1/2010 0:00	332	2.8
1/1/2010 1:00	24	2.9
1/1/2010 2:00	6	2.8
1/1/2010 3:00	348	1.1
1/1/2010 4:00	350	2.0
1/1/2010 5:00	339	2.1
1/1/2010 6:00	355	2.0
1/1/2010 7:00	1	1.3
1/1/2010 8:00	330	2.0
1/1/2010 9:00	238	0.5
1/1/2010 10:00	359	3.4
1/1/2010 11:00	21	3.5
1/1/2010 12:00	65	1.9
1/1/2010 13:00	200	3.3
1/1/2010 14:00	177	7.0
1/1/2010 15:00	185	5.2
1/1/2010 16:00	163	7.5
1/1/2010 17:00	174	4.7
1/1/2010 18:00	329	4.2
1/1/2010 19:00	339	3.0
1/1/2010 20:00	339	3.5
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1/1/2010 22:00	335	3.3
1/1/2010 23:00	335	4.0

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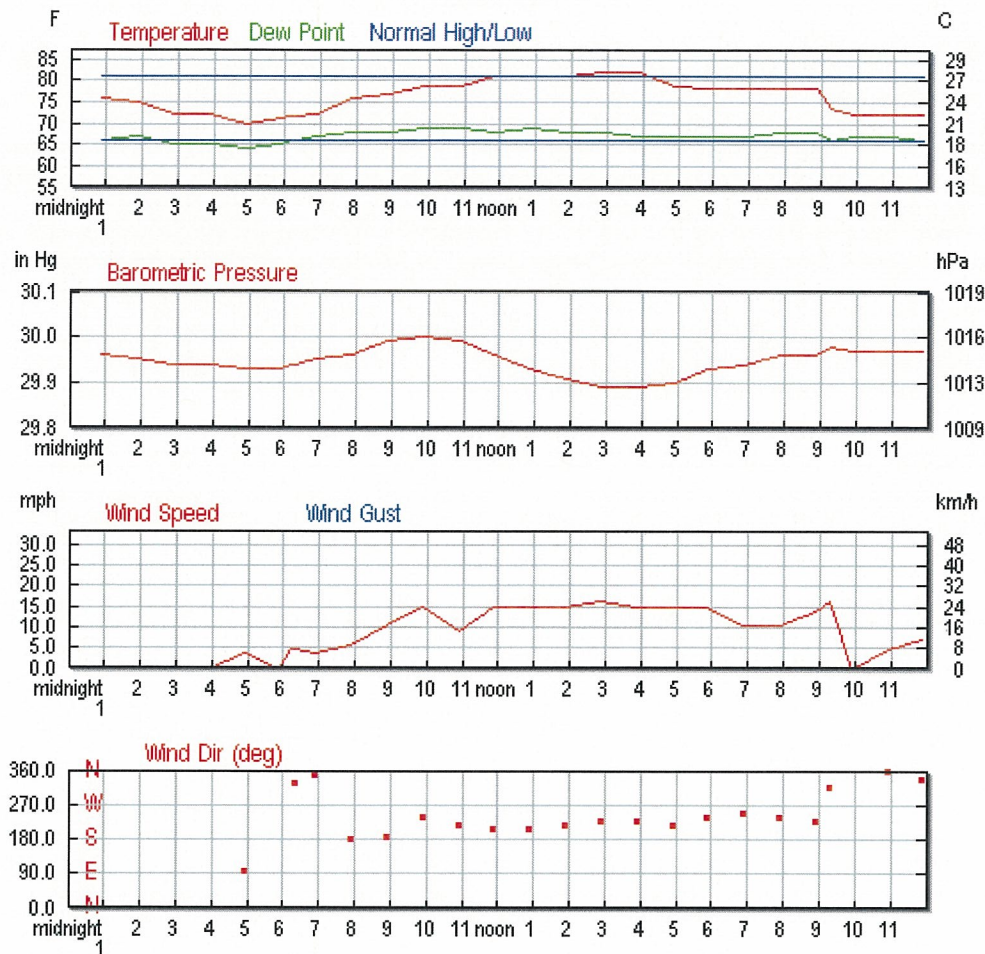
History for Honolulu, HI

Thursday, December 31, 2009

Daily Summary

	Actual:	Average :	Record :
Temperature:			
Mean Temperature	77 °F	74 °F	
Max Temperature	83 °F	81 °F	85 °F (1986)
Min Temperature	70 °F	66 °F	56 °F (1958)
Degree Days:			
Heating Degree Days	0	0	
Month to date heating degree days	0	0	
Since 1 July heating degree days	0	0	
Cooling Degree Days	12	9	
Month to date cooling degree days	288	303	
Year to date cooling degree days	4399	4561	
Growing Degree Days	26 (Base 50)		
Moisture:			
Dew Point	67 °F		
Average Humidity	71		
Maximum Humidity	84		
Minimum Humidity	58		
Precipitation:			
Precipitation	0.01 in	0.09 in	2.50 in (1951)
Month to date precipitation	0.75	2.85	
Year to date precipitation	11.55	18.29	
Snow:			
Snow	0.00 in	-	- ()
Month to date snowfall	0.0		
Since 1 July snowfall	0.0		
Snow Depth	0.00 in		
Sea Level Pressure:			
Sea Level Pressure	29.95 in		
Wind:			
Wind Speed	8 mph (WSW)		
Max Wind Speed	23 mph		
Max Gust Speed	26 mph		
Visibility	10 miles		
Events	Rain		
T = Trace of Precipitation, MM = Missing Value			Source: NWS Daily Summary

ATTACHMENT 3-9



Hourly Observations

Time (HST):	Temp.:	Dew Point:	Humidity:	Sea Level Pressure:	Visibility:	Wind Dir:	Wind Speed:	Gust Speed:	Precip:	Events:	Conditions:
12:53 AM	75.9 °F	66.0 °F	71%	29.96 in	10.0 miles	Calm	Calm	-	N/A		Mostly Cloudy
1:53 AM	75.0 °F	66.9 °F	76%	29.95 in	10.0 miles	Calm	Calm	-	N/A		Mostly Cloudy
2:53 AM	72.0 °F	64.9 °F	78%	29.94 in	10.0 miles	Calm	Calm	-	N/A		Scattered Clouds
3:53 AM	72.0 °F	64.9 °F	78%	29.94 in	10.0 miles	Calm	Calm	-	N/A		Partly Cloudy
4:53 AM	70.0 °F	64.0 °F	81%	29.93 in	10.0 miles	East	3.5 mph	-	N/A		Partly Cloudy
5:53 AM	71.1 °F	64.9 °F	81%	29.93 in	10.0 miles	Calm	Calm	-	N/A		Scattered Clouds
6:11 AM	71.6 °F	66.2 °F	83%	29.94 in	10.0 miles	Variable	4.6 mph	-	N/A		Mostly Cloudy
6:20 AM	71.6 °F	66.2 °F	83%	29.94 in	10.0 miles	NNW	4.6 mph	-	N/A		Scattered Clouds
6:53 AM	72.0 °F	66.9 °F	84%	29.95 in	10.0 miles	North	3.5 mph	-	N/A		Scattered Clouds
7:53 AM	75.9 °F	68.0 °F	76%	29.96 in	10.0 miles	South	5.8 mph	-	N/A		Scattered Clouds
8:53 AM	77.0 °F	68.0 °F	74%	29.99 in	10.0 miles	South	10.4 mph	-	N/A		Mostly Cloudy
9:53 AM	79.0 °F	69.1 °F	72%	30.00 in	10.0 miles	WSW	15.0 mph	-	0.00 in		Mostly

ATTACHMENT 3-9										Cloudy
AM										
10:53 AM	79.0 °F	69.1 °F	72%	29.99 in	10.0 miles SW	9.2 mph	-	N/A		Mostly Cloudy
11:53 AM	81.0 °F	68.0 °F	65%	29.96 in	10.0 miles SSW	15.0 mph	-	N/A		Scattered Clouds
12:53 PM	81.0 °F	69.1 °F	67%	29.93 in	10.0 miles SSW	15.0 mph	-	N/A		Mostly Cloudy
1:53 PM	81.0 °F	68.0 °F	65%	29.91 in	10.0 miles SW	15.0 mph	23.0 mph	N/A		Mostly Cloudy
2:53 PM	82.0 °F	68.0 °F	62%	29.89 in	10.0 miles SW	16.1 mph	-	N/A		Scattered Clouds
3:53 PM	82.0 °F	66.9 °F	60%	29.89 in	10.0 miles SW	15.0 mph	23.0 mph	N/A		Scattered Clouds
4:53 PM	79.0 °F	66.9 °F	66%	29.90 in	10.0 miles SW	15.0 mph	-	N/A		Scattered Clouds
5:53 PM	78.1 °F	66.9 °F	68%	29.93 in	10.0 miles WSW	15.0 mph	-	N/A		Scattered Clouds
6:53 PM	78.1 °F	66.9 °F	68%	29.94 in	10.0 miles WSW	10.4 mph	-	N/A		Scattered Clouds
7:53 PM	78.1 °F	68.0 °F	71%	29.96 in	10.0 miles WSW	10.4 mph	-	N/A		Scattered Clouds
8:53 PM	78.1 °F	68.0 °F	71%	29.96 in	10.0 miles SW	13.8 mph	-	N/A		Scattered Clouds
9:16 PM	73.4 °F	66.2 °F	78%	29.98 in	9.0 miles NW	16.1 mph	-	0.00 in	Rain	Light Rain
9:53 PM	72.0 °F	66.9 °F	84%	29.97 in	9.0 miles Calm	Calm	-	0.00 in		Scattered Clouds
10:53 PM	72.0 °F	66.9 °F	84%	29.97 in	6.0 miles North	4.6 mph	-	N/A		Haze
11:53 PM	72.0 °F	66.0 °F	81%	29.97 in	4.0 miles NNW	6.9 mph	-	0.01 in	Rain	Light Rain



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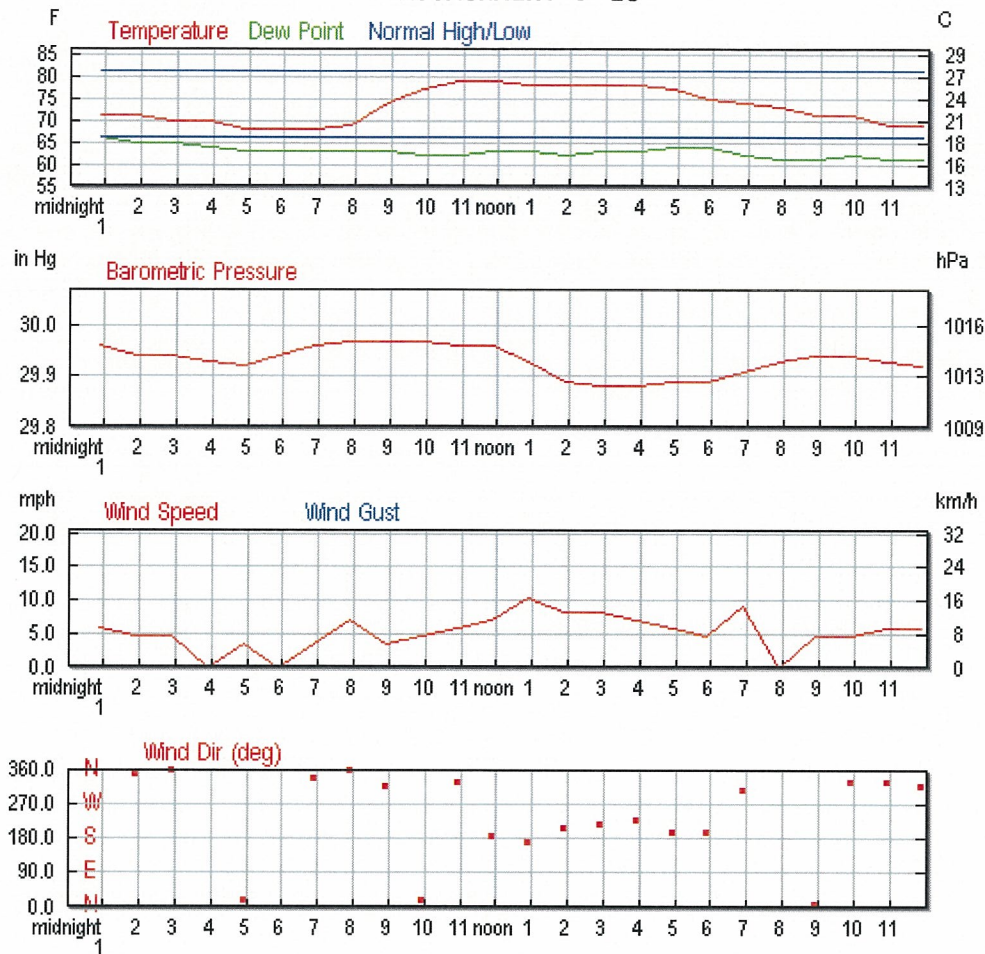
History for Honolulu, HI

Friday, January 1, 2010

Daily Summary

	Actual:	Average :	Record :
Temperature:			
Mean Temperature	74 °F	73 °F	
Max Temperature	80 °F	81 °F	85 °F (1987)
Min Temperature	67 °F	66 °F	55 °F (1973)
Degree Days:			
Heating Degree Days	0	0	
Month to date heating degree days	0	0	
Since 1 July heating degree days	0	0	
Cooling Degree Days	9	9	
Month to date cooling degree days	9	9	
Year to date cooling degree days	9	9	
Growing Degree Days	24 (Base 50)		
Moisture:			
Dew Point	63 °F		
Average Humidity	71		
Maximum Humidity	84		
Minimum Humidity	58		
Precipitation:			
Precipitation	T in	0.09 in	1.61 in (2005)
Month to date precipitation	T	0.09	
Year to date precipitation	T	0.09	
Snow:			
Snow	0.00 in	-	- ()
Month to date snowfall	0.0		
Since 1 July snowfall	0.0		
Snow Depth	0.00 in		
Sea Level Pressure:			
Sea Level Pressure	29.93 in		
Wind:			
Wind Speed	5 mph (NW)		
Max Wind Speed	12 mph		
Max Gust Speed	14 mph		
Visibility	10 miles		
Events			
T = Trace of Precipitation, MM = Missing Value			Source: NWS Daily Summary

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Hourly Observations

Time (HST):	Temp.:	Dew Point:	Humidity:	Sea Level Pressure:	Visibility:	Wind Dir:	Wind Speed:	Gust Speed:	Precip:	Events:	Conditions:
12:53 AM	71.1 °F	66.0 °F	84%	29.96 in	8.0 miles	North	5.8 mph	-	0.00 in		Scattered Clouds
1:53 AM	71.1 °F	64.9 °F	81%	29.94 in	10.0 miles	North	4.6 mph	-	N/A		Partly Cloudy
2:53 AM	70.0 °F	64.9 °F	84%	29.94 in	9.0 miles	North	4.6 mph	-	N/A		Partly Cloudy
3:53 AM	70.0 °F	64.0 °F	81%	29.93 in	10.0 miles	Calm	Calm	-	N/A		Partly Cloudy
4:53 AM	68.0 °F	63.0 °F	84%	29.92 in	10.0 miles	NNE	3.5 mph	-	N/A		Partly Cloudy
5:53 AM	68.0 °F	63.0 °F	84%	29.94 in	10.0 miles	Calm	Calm	-	N/A		Partly Cloudy
6:53 AM	68.0 °F	63.0 °F	84%	29.96 in	10.0 miles	NNW	3.5 mph	-	N/A		Partly Cloudy
7:53 AM	69.1 °F	63.0 °F	81%	29.97 in	10.0 miles	North	6.9 mph	-	N/A		Scattered Clouds
8:53 AM	73.9 °F	63.0 °F	68%	29.97 in	10.0 miles	NW	3.5 mph	-	N/A		Scattered Clouds
9:53 AM	77.0 °F	62.1 °F	60%	29.97 in	10.0 miles	NNE	4.6 mph	-	N/A		Scattered Clouds
10:53 AM	79.0 °F	62.1 °F	56%	29.96 in	10.0 miles	NNW	5.8 mph	-	N/A		Scattered Clouds
11:53 AM	79.0 °F	63.0 °F	58%	29.96 in	10.0 miles	South	6.9 mph	-	N/A		Scattered

ATTACHMENT 3-10										Clouds
AM										
12:53 PM	78.1 °F	63.0 °F	60%	29.93 in	10.0 miles South	10.4 mph	-	N/A		Scattered Clouds
1:53 PM	78.1 °F	62.1 °F	58%	29.89 in	10.0 miles SSW	8.1 mph	-	N/A		Scattered Clouds
2:53 PM	78.1 °F	63.0 °F	60%	29.88 in	10.0 miles SW	8.1 mph	-	N/A		Scattered Clouds
3:53 PM	78.1 °F	63.0 °F	60%	29.88 in	10.0 miles SW	6.9 mph	-	N/A		Partly Cloudy
4:53 PM	77.0 °F	64.0 °F	64%	29.89 in	10.0 miles SSW	5.8 mph	-	N/A		Scattered Clouds
5:53 PM	75.0 °F	64.0 °F	69%	29.89 in	10.0 miles SSW	4.6 mph	-	N/A		Partly Cloudy
6:53 PM	73.9 °F	62.1 °F	66%	29.91 in	10.0 miles NW	9.2 mph	-	N/A		Partly Cloudy
7:53 PM	73.0 °F	61.0 °F	66%	29.93 in	10.0 miles Calm	Calm	-	N/A		Partly Cloudy
8:53 PM	71.1 °F	61.0 °F	70%	29.94 in	10.0 miles North	4.6 mph	-	N/A		Partly Cloudy
9:53 PM	71.1 °F	62.1 °F	73%	29.94 in	10.0 miles NNW	4.6 mph	-	N/A		Partly Cloudy
10:53 PM	69.1 °F	61.0 °F	75%	29.93 in	10.0 miles NNW	5.8 mph	-	N/A		Partly Cloudy
11:53 PM	69.1 °F	61.0 °F	75%	29.92 in	10.0 miles NW	5.8 mph	-	N/A		Scattered Clouds



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Haze may worsen breathing issues

Fireworks mixed with light winds hurt air quality

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By Michael Tsai
Advertiser Staff Writer

Tonight is shaping up to be a particularly challenging New Year's Eve celebration for the 13 percent of the state population who suffer from breathing difficulties.

The National Weather Service is predicting widespread haze, partly cloudy skies and northwesterly winds of just 6 mph tonight — the sort of perfect lull dreaded by people with asthma and other breathing problems as legal and illegal fireworks release lung-troubling particulates into the air.

"When you combine that with air quality that has already been compromised with voggy conditions and the brushfires on the Big Island, it only adds to the degradation," said Jean Evans, executive director of the American Lung Association in Hawai'i. "It's going to be a very difficult night for a lot of people."

The Lung Association estimates that some 175,000 people in Hawai'i suffer from breathing difficulties. In the most serious cases, breathing problems triggered or exacerbated by fireworks smoke can lead to respiratory arrest and even death.

While the organization does not track the number of emergency room visits on New Year's Eve or the Fourth of July, Evans said there is ample anecdotal evidence of Hawai'i residents seeking emergency help for breathing problems whenever fireworks are widely used.

"We understand fireworks sales have been pretty good this year and there are always a lot of illegal aeriels and other fireworks that are hard to regulate," Evans said. "It's a hard night to avoid, especially on O'ahu. Hopefully, families and neighbors will be kind to each other and keep in mind those who have breathing difficulties, especially the elderly and the very young."

The state Department of Health will once again be monitoring air quality during New Year's and comparing it to national ambient air quality standards.

Breathing hazards aren't just confined to the limited hours during which fireworks are allowed to be used. In Pearl City, Salt Lake, Pālolo Valley and many other areas of the island, fireworks have been illegally set off weeks, even months, in advance of tonight's celebrations. And, as Evans noted, elevated levels of particulates in the air can continue to bother those with respiratory problems for several days after New Year's, depending on weather conditions.

Reach Michael Tsai at mtsai@honoluluadvertiser.com.



Legal and illegal fireworks combined with widespread haze and light winds tonight may bring trouble for those who suffer from breathing difficulties.

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The state Department of Health and the American Lung Association in Hawai'i recommend that people with respiratory problems consider the following precautionary measures:

- Stay indoors with doors and windows closed and set air-conditioning units to recirculate.
- Make sure that air conditioning and air filter units are working properly and change filters if necessary.
- Do not smoke. Avoid secondhand smoke.
- If you take medication, make sure you have an adequate supply of medication and/or rescue inhalers.
- Avoid people who have colds or other lung infections and wash hands thoroughly.
- Drink plenty of fluids, preferably warm beverages, to loosen mucus.
- Rest well and limit physical exertion.
- Avoid barbecues.

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BREAKING NEWS/UPDATES

Updated at 9:51 a.m., Thursday, December 31, 2009

Fireworks smoke could linger through night, weather service says

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Advertiser Staff

The National Weather Service says a weak front advancing across the Islands is expected to bring clouds and showers to Kauai and Oahu later today and into the night.

But don't expect much relief from fireworks-generated smoke.

"Showers, if any, will be limited as synoptic conditions remain unfavorable," the weather service says in its area forecast discussion. "Winds will remain more on the lighter side even with the passage of the weak front. Hence locally created smoke from the (New Year's) celebration will probably linger across the Islands overnight.

"A weak high pressure behind this front is expected to bring northerly trade winds over the area later Friday. Thus there may be a chance for the smoke as well as lingering vog to clear the Islands by the New Year."

Highs today will be 79 to 84 degrees. Winds will be variable to 15 mph.

Meanwhile, a northwest swell is expected to generate advisory-level surf along north- and west-facing shores of Niihau, Kauai, Oahu, Molokai and Maui and west-facing shores on the Big Island.

The advisory is in effect until 6 tonight.

Surf along north-facing shores will be 12 to 18 feet today before slowly subsiding.

Surf along west-facing shores will be 8 to 12 feet.

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Smoke from fireworks, as seen here in Kalihi last Eve, could linger long after the last blast, the National Weather Service says.

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Updated at 3:41 p.m., Thursday, December 31, 2009

Fireworks permits up over last year

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Satellite City Halls issued 7,433 fireworks permits as of yesterday, up from 6,200 last year.

Permits are still available until the close of business today. Fireworks sales end at midnight tonight.

This year's total reverses a three-year downward trend after permit issuance peaked with 13,525 in 2005.

Consumer fireworks may be legally set off from 9 p.m. tonight until 1 a.m. tomorrow, a four-hour window. The Honolulu Fire Department reminds residents that all aerial fireworks are illegal, as well as extremely dangerous.

Illegal fireworks use has been reported around the state in the weeks (in some cases months) leading up to tonight's celebration. The Honolulu Police Department today responded to complaints in the Mililani, Pearl City, and Tantalus areas.

The Waikiki Improvement Association is again sponsoring a New Year's fireworks show tonight off of Waikiki Beach. The show will be visible from all Waikiki beachfront areas as well as other areas of Honolulu.

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Light wind, poor air expected for tonight

By Star-Bulletin staff

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State Department of Health officials are warning the public to take precautions against the poor air quality that is expected tonight with the combination of light wind, vog and New Year's Eve fireworks smoke.



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George Lu peers from behind fireworks he set off in Palolo Valley.
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The National Weather Service in Honolulu predicted light and variable winds tonight with little rainfall.

"Winds are expected to remain light through New Year's Eve with sea breezes forming in the afternoon and light land breezes forming at night," forecasters said yesterday. "Smoke ventilation from fireworks is expected to be poor."

The department's Clean Air Branch says fireworks smoke

can aggravate conditions such as asthma, emphysema and chronic bronchitis. Anyone with these lung conditions is advised to:

- » Stay indoors and close your windows and doors on New Year's Eve.
- » Check air conditioners or purifiers and change filters if necessary.
- » Avoid smoking and secondhand smoke.
- » Have an adequate supply of prescribed medicines and use them as directed.
- » Contact a physician and get clear instructions on what to do if your lung condition suddenly worsens.
- » Avoid people who have colds and other lung infections, and wash your hands thoroughly.

- » Get plenty of rest and limit physical exertion.
- » Drink plenty of fluids to loosen mucus. (Warm beverages work best.)

Health Department officials said they will be monitoring Hawaii's air quality during the New Year's holiday.

Light tradewinds are expected to return briefly on New Year's Day, but be quickly replaced by light and variable winds for the weekend.

For more information, contact the **Clean Air Branch** at 586-4200, or the **American Lung Association of Hawaii** at 537-5966, or go to www.ala-hawaii.org

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At old air terminal, memories were made

Of all the oddball things to wax nostalgic about, the old Honolulu airport commuter terminal is right up there with missing the sour milk smell of the school cafeteria or fondly remembering the crushing din of intermediate band class. How can you possibly miss something that smelled so bad, sounded even worse and had all the graceful ambience of a concrete bunker?

Yet these things do press up against our hearts, these little pungent, noisy things from simpler days, and when they go away, we miss them although it's hard to explain why.

The commuter airport, what used to be the interisland terminal until the mid-'80s, was as tear-soaked and romantic as the dock at Honolulu Harbor. When ships were replaced by planes for interisland travel, all the elated hellos and fond farewells that seemed so exotic and tender on the waterfront got transferred to the dingy hollow tile jet-exhaust filled box of a building at the 'Ewa end of the airport complex. If you were in Hawai'i during that era, chances are you stood misty eyed on that tiled floor at least once.

Air travel, even interisland, was different then. The old habit of "dressing nice" to get on an airplane

Honolulu has a blast on Eve



ABOVE: Lenny Vea of Makiki took 2-year-old Mosese to see the fireworks last night at the Wet'n'Wild waterpark in Kapolei.

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RIGHT: Bernard Villanueva lights a small string of firecrackers to set off on Kopke Street in Kalihi.

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See video of the fireworks show and more photos, at HONOLULUADVERTISER.COM.



Smoke from fireworks covers neighborhoods; sporadic rain helps

BY MICHAEL TSAI
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Hawai'i residents rang in 2010 with fireworks, and many O'ahu communities were blanketed by smoke yesterday well before the legal 9 p.m. start time.

In Kalihi, 54-year-old Joseph Padua and a few friends and family set off firecrackers in the parking lot outside Jesse's Coffee Shop, which Padua manages.

"Burning money!" Padua said, laughing. "We didn't buy that much fireworks this year because of the recession but it's still a tradition."

As of 10 p.m., the Honolulu Fire Department reported responding to 11 fireworks-related calls, all relatively minor.

Sporadic but heavy rain over parts of O'ahu may have helped keep things under control.

Shortly after 12:30 a.m. today, paramedics were sent to two calls of fireworks injuries in Waipahu and Mā'ili.

Earlier at Likelike Elementary, Willie Singleton, 55, of Kalihi, joined family and neighbors in setting off a few fireworks.

"Fireworks are a local tradition to chase away evil spirits," said Singleton, who grew up in Detroit. "That's what we do here."

"Tomorrow I'm going to cook up some black-eyed peas as part of my black tradition. Good luck is good luck, regardless of the culture."

The unemployed baker and cook said he hopes for a more prosperous 2010.

"I hope people have the chance to get back to work and that kids get to go back to school like they should," he said.

Dana Hanohano, 43, and her children Ha'aheo, Ho'okela, and Hi'iilei spent the evening celebrating with family in Liliha.

"For us, fireworks are entertainment for the kids," she said. "It's better here than in Waimānalo."

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The smoke is so thick there you can barely see the road."

Illegal aerials could be spotted all around Kalihi Valley, where by mid-evening the streets were carpeted with spent fireworks.

Bernard Villanueva, 27, sat in his garage with family and friends to take in the scene.

"You can turn 360 degrees and see them everywhere," he said.

A few yards away, a cluster of tubes used to launch aerial fireworks sat temporarily empty. Villanueva said the device was being shared by families on the block — with plausible deniability assured to all.

Joel Domingo, 27, and his family ushered in the new year with an assortment of devices, including a noise-maker "cannon" made out of aluminum cans and duct tape and fueled by lighter fluid. Domingo was vague about plans for midnight, but admitted "a few illegals" might be involved.

His wish for the New Year was simple. "You know, health and happiness for everybody," he said. "And that the Lakers win the championship."

Of the 11 fires reported as of 10 p.m., four were small wildfires, four rubbish fires,

one vehicle fire and two others. Several other fires were reported but were not classified as probable fireworks related.

HFD spokesman Capt. Terry Seelig noted that reports of probable fireworks-related fires represent quick field assessments of a fire's cause and are not considered official determinations. No damage estimates were available last night.

Last New Year's, the Honolulu Fire Department responded to 58 fire calls, 26 of which were fireworks related, with total damages of \$10,000. In 2007, the department fielded 79 calls, 33 fire-related, for a loss of \$83,500.

HFD spokesman Capt. Terry Seelig noted that reports of probable fireworks-related fires represent quick field assessments of a fire's cause and are not considered official determinations.

Satellite city halls reported sales of 8,055 firecracker permits this year, reversing a three-year decline. Last year, 6,924 permits were issued.

The city issued 9,219 firecracker permits in 2007, 10,960 in 2006, 13,979 in 2005 and 12,525 in 2004.

Under state law, consumer fireworks legally could be set off from 9 p.m. yesterday to 1 a.m. today, a four-hour window.

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New Year's fireworks injured 112 in Islands

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By Christie Wilson
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Fireworks injured 112 people in Hawaii, half of them children, during the recent New Year's holiday, including seven who were admitted to hospitals with serious burns or blast wounds, according to the state Department of Health.

The number of injuries is the highest since the agency's Injury Prevention & Control Program began tracking the data 10 years ago.

"This New Year's we saw records for the number of injured (112), the number admitted to hospitals (seven), and the number transported by EMS (seven)," said Health Department epidemiologist Dan Galanis. "Those latter two observations indicate an increase in more severe injuries this year."

The data reflect hospital emergency room visits for fireworks-related injuries during the period of Dec. 31 to Jan 2.

Ninety-nine cases were reported on O'ahu, seven on Maui, four on the Big Island and one each on Kaua'i and Lanai, according to the report.

The ages of those injured ranged from 2 to 82. Seven were under the age of 5 and nearly 80 percent were males.

Galanis pointed out that there were more children under the age of 16 hurt

by fireworks during the three-day period than in an average month from car crashes (42), assaults (21), poisonings (13) or pedestrian collisions (9).

Three-quarters of the injuries occurred while victims were holding or setting off fireworks, with observers suffering the remainder, the report said.

Hands and fingers were the most commonly injured body part, accounting for 55 percent of cases.

Of the cases in which the type of firework is known, firecrackers injured 15 people; spinning "flowers," nine; sparklers, five; and aeriels, four.

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